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Education "Backbone" Needs More Support: Iacobucci

By Sue Toye

The Provincial Government needs to invest more in universities because education is the backbone of Ontaric's healthcare system, economy and environment, said Interim President Frank lacobucci in a pre-budget hearing at Queen's Park Jan. 19.

"If we fail to make investments in universities now, we will be weaker as a province in the future and less able to maintain and improve our health care, education, communities and environment. There is simply no better investment than higher education," Iacobucci told members of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs. The committee has been holding public hearings this month to gain input from individuals and organizations in advance of this spring's provincial budget.

Iacobucci told the committee that inadequate funding for Ontario's universities has diminished their competitiveness within Canada and globally: Ontario currently ranks last among the provinces in per-student funding. In addition, Ontario students have to contend with larger class sizes and first-year students have fewer opportunities for small seminar courses. Aging buildings need repair and maintenance while many classrooms and labs are becoming outdated. "We are indeed at risk of short-changing a generation," he warned.

Iacobucci and Professor Carolyn Tuohny, vice-president (government and institutional relations), strongly recommended that the committee bring funding to at least the national average which, in U of T's case, would

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A HANDS-ON EFFORT



Members of the Tamil Students' Association held a 3 on 3 basketball tournament at Hart House Jan. 20 to raise funds for Sri Lankan victims of last month's devastating tsunami in the Indian Ocean. The group has raised \$15,000 so far and is planning other events in the coming months.

U of T Leads Apparel Initiative

By Karen Kelly

OF T IS TAKING THE LEAD ON A new national directory of apparel suppliers who adhere to fair labour practices. The National Canadian University Retail Licensee List will list manufacturers who are members of the Worker Rights Consortium and the Fair Labor Association, two international groups that monitor working conditions in textile factories.

The directory will also list universities that purchase products which adhere to these associations' codes of conduct. Kyle Winters, director of marketing programs at U of T, will present the idea at Conference 360:

Building Partnerships Beyond Affinity, a conference that will bring together representatives from Canadian universities to discuss best practices in managing affinity, sponsorship, alumni travel and trademark programs. The three-day conference runs Jan. 26 to Jan. 28 at 89 Chestnut St.

The directory's genesis occurred several years ago when Winters faced the challenge of implementing U of T's own code of conduct. "In reality, there are hundreds upon hundreds of codes out there and factories aren't looking at all of them," Winters explained. "What they do look at are these two codes from

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Running Risky

Political scientist helps lay groundwork for new Iraqi state

By Sue Toye

F of violence in lraq, citizens there will vote in a national election Jan. 30 — with a little help from a U of T political scientist.

Professor David Cameron flew to Baghdad last December at the invitation of the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), a Washington-based organization that has been training Iraqis as election monitors and helping political parties get organized.

When NDI contacted the Forum of Federations, a non-governmental organization where member countries share their knowledge and experience on federalism, the organization recommended Cameron, a member of its board of directors, to share his knowledge on how federalism works.

Cameron, along with Patrick Boyer, a former MP, and Wallace Rogers, a former mayor of Eau Claire, Wisc., spent a week meeting with senior ministers and the chief of staff of Iraq's interim government exploring ways to form a federal state in Iraq where powers are shared between the central and regional governments.

While in Baghdad Cameron also gave a crash course on federalism in a lecture to some 50 political candidates: what it is, how it is put in place by other countries and how it can be adapted for Iraq. Cameron was impressed by the courage of those willing to run for office. "To be a candidate for an elected office is to put your life at risk. I admire these people," he said, noting that their stories have been largely untold in news reports from the region. "What you see are all the disasters."

For instance, he added, on the same day he delivered that lecture, the BBC reported three electoral commissioners were killed by insurgents trying to sabotage the election.

Boyer, who held a workshop for party activists on forming a new constitution, said the courage of these people is the bigger news story. "All of the terrorist acts, because they are sensational and grisly, go to the top of the news. The much larger story is the sheer courage of countless individuals who work at creating the new Iraq in the very face of that kind of murderous intimidation," said Boyer, who also teaches Canadian politics at the University of Guelph. One of the candidates recounted to him how 11 members of his family were killed under Saddam Hussein's

Cameron and Boyer are currently in discussions with NDI to begin consulting with the new Iraqi government as it lays out a constitution. As for Iraq's post-election future, Cameron remains cautious. "I think it's a big uphill battle and the test will be the degree of perceived legitimacy of the election."

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IN BRIEF



FEE INCREASE APPROVED

University Affairs Board approved fee increases for both the Students' Administrative Council (SAC) and the Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU) at its meeting Jan. 18. The additional \$6.27 per session for full-time students begins in the summer 2005 session and reflects the membership fee of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). Members of the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students (APUS), SAC and SCSU held a referendum in 2002 to join CFS but fees for membership have not been approved until now because of procedural questions surrounding the referendum. As a result, the administration did not recommend approval of the fee increases. In the absence of such a recommendation, APUS itself brought forward a request for approval to University Affairs Board in June 2004. In consideration of the approval of the APUS request last June, the administration recommended approval of the SAC and SCSU fee increases. "The board's approval puts to rest an issue which has been a matter of concern for a great many students on both sides of this issue for three years" said Jim Delaney, assistant director, student affairs. "Despite the administration's concerns about the fairness of the referendum, I am pleased to see a conclusion to this issue.'

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS CLOSE JAN. 28

Nominations for seats on Governing Council and Academic Board for 2005-06 close at noon on Jan. 28. There are four council seats open for full-time undergraduate students, two for part-time undergraduates and two seats for graduate students. The term for student members starts July 1, 2005, and ends June 30, 2006. As well, there are four seats available for teaching staff. The term for teachers starts July 1, 2005, and ends June 30, 2008. On Academic Board, there are 15 openings for teaching staff willing to commit to a three-year term, one seat in a by election for a one-year term in the Faculty of Arts and Science as well as one seat for a librarian for a three-year term. Nomination forms are available at www.utoronto.ca/govcncl.

UNIVERSITY MOVES ON PRIVACY THREAT

FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF SEVERAL AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS, UNIVERSITY computer offices are moving to block all U of T web and Internet services to students and staff who have downloaded a popular Internet speed enhancer. The free software, called Marketscore, claims to offer its users faster Internet speeds and e-mail virus protection and comes bundled with a popular music downloading program. However, the software also routs all the user's Internet traffic (including passwords, login IDs and credit card numbers) through Marketscore's own servers where it is collected for market research purposes. The software poses such a threat to the privacy and security of institutional servers like ROSI that universities have no choice but to block all traffic from its users until they uninstall the program, said Eugene Siciunas, head of computing and networking services. His office estimates at least 60 office and residence computers were running the software as of last week.

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AWARDS & HONOURS

FACULTY OF ARTS & SCIENCE

PROFESSOR JOHN ZILCOSKY OF GERMANIC LANGUAGES AND literatures has been selected to receive the Modern Language Association's fifth Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for Studies in Germanic Languages and Literatures for his book Kafka's Travels: Exoticism, Colonialism and the Traffic of Writing, published by Palgrave Press. Zilcosky received the prize, awarded biennially for an outstanding scholarly work on the linguistics or literatures of the Germanic languages, at the association's annual conference Dec. 28 in Philadelphia.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

University Professor Anthony Pawson of Medical genetics and microbiology is the co-recipient of Columbia University's 2004 Louisa Gross Horwitz Prize for his contributions to the understanding of signal transduction — the transfer of information within and between cells — that have led to drug therapies that halt the spread of cancer. Pawson shares the prize with Professor Tony Hunter of the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in San Diego. The researchers will receive the award, established in 1967 to acknowledge exceptional accomplishments in biological and biochemical research, in February in recognition of their discoveries in understanding protein-tyrosine phosphorylation.

PROFESSOR HUGH SCULLY OF SURGERY HAS BEEN NAMED A founding fellow of the FIA Institute for Motorsport Safety. The institute was established in 2004 by the FIA Foundation and the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile as an independent, non-profit organization to focus on specialist motorsport safety research and to enhance the safety of motorsports worldwide. Fellowship is extended only to leading international experts in motorsport safety and related medical research.

PROFESSOR DAVID WOLFE OF PSYCHIATRY HAS BEEN SELECTED to receive the Canadian Psychological Association's Donald O. Hebb Award, the association's most prestigious scientific award. Wolfe will receive the award, given in appreciation for his many contributions to psychology in Canada, during the association's annual meeting June 9 to 11 in Montreal.

ROTMAN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Professors Tim Rowley and Dilip Soman are the 2004 winners of the Roger Martin and Nancy Lang Awards for Excellence in Research and Teaching at the Rotman School of Management. Rowley won the award for excellence in teaching while Solman won for excellence in research. Rowley, a leader in education for corporate directors, teaches strategic management and is the founding academic director of the directors education program at the Rotman School and universities across Canada. Soman is a highly regarded marketing researcher in the area of consumer behavioiur.

U OF T AT MISSISSAUGA

UTM's NEWEST RESIDENCE, ERINDALE HALL, IS THE recipient of a City of Mississauga 2004 Urban Design Award of Excellence. Designed by Baird Sampson Neuert, the Phase VII residence was cited for its integration into and respect for its natural environment while providing for a lively response to pedestrian activity on campus. The Mississauga Urban Design Awards program is the longest running program of its kind in Ontario and the judging criteria include interest, function, community scale and context. The awards were presented at Mississauga's council chambers Nov. 15

FACULTY OF MUSIC

PROFESSOR GAGE AVERILL, DEAN OF THE FACULTY, IS THIS year's recipient of the 2004 Alan P. Merriam Prize of the Society for Ethnomusicology for his book Four Parts, No Waiting: A Social History of American Barbershop Harmony. Named after one of the most important early figures in ethnomusicology, the prize recognizes the most distinguished English-language monograph published in the field of ethnomusicology. Averill received the prize during the society's annual meeting in November in Tucson, Ariz. Averill will also receive the Irving Lowens Award for Best Book from the Society for American Music for Four Parts, No Waiting. The society annually awards the prize for the book judged as the best in the field of American music and represents the society's most prestigious honour. The prize will be presented during the society's meeting in Eugene, Ore., Feb. 16 to 20.

PROFESSOR EMERITUS JOHN WEINZWEIG HAS BEEN HONoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada (SOCAN). The award, announced Nov. 15, is given to SOCAN members who have had outstanding success through their musical career. Weinzweig has spent a lifetime of exceptional creativity and contribution to Canadian music — he has taught composition at the Royal Conservatory of Music and at the Faculty of Music. He also founded the U of T Symphony Orchestra, composed and scored for CBC Radio and the National Film Board before focusing on concert music for his career.



U of T Leads Apparel Initiative

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the Worker Rights Consortium and the Fair Labor Association so my advice to other Canadian universities is to look at these two codes and implement one of them.'

Canadian universities that choose to participate in the venture will avoid lengthy paperwork — U of T will collect and share factory disclosure information with those institutions who adopt one of the two codes. "This means that the other universities don't have to duplicate the administrative process," Winters said.

Kevin Thomas of the

Maquilla Solidarity Network, a leading authority on ethical labour practices, helped draft U of T's code of conduct. He because their budgets are was also one of several students smaller." who five years ago staged a sit-in at the president's office for 10 days in an effort to ensure a living wage for the manufacturers of U of T apparel. Thomas said he's pleased with the initiative the university is taking.

"U of T is really taking the lead in trying to ensure the clothing is made in good conditions without a huge administration burden," Thomas said. "I think this initiative is quite positive because it allows smaller

schools to take the same responsible steps bigger schools have without being marginalized

Winters said launching the idea at the conference is just the first step and universities are not being asked to sign up immediately for the directory. Still, Winters hopes one day that every Canadian university will be on board. "The ultimate goal is that all university products will have a site where consumers can find accountable information," Winters said. "If all Canadian universities band together, we can do more."

University Affirms Academic Freedom

By Jessica Whiteside

ONTROVERSY OVER AN UPCOMING series of events organized by the Arab Students' Collective, an independent campus group, has led to calls by some members of the community for the events to be cancelled. However, the university's firm commitment to the principles of free speech means it will support the group's right to proceed with its events, said Professor David Farrar, vice-provost (students), in a statement released Jan. 19.

A recognized student club, the Arab Students' Collective is planning to host a series of events from Jan. 31 to Feb. 4 during what the group has called Israeli Apartheid Week. A number of people have expressed concerns to the university about the content of the events. To not allow these events to proceed would violate the university's fundamental commitment to freedom of speech, Farrar said.

"The very fact that the Arab Students' Collective and other campus groups exist speaks to a central value of the University of Toronto. As an academic community, we have a fundamental commitment to the principles of freedom of inquiry, freedom of speech and freedom of association. In this context, campus groups avail themselves of campus facilities for activities," he said in the statement.

"With respect to the events planned by the Arab Students' Collective, the university has no reason to believe that the

activities will exceed the boundaries for free speech as articulated in the Statement on Freedom of Speech. The U of T upholds the fundamental principles of open dialogue and tolerance within its community. The ability to question, examine and comment on issues of the day, even when such commentary may be repugnant to some, is central to the mission of the university. Having said that, all university activity is subject to the laws of Canada, and behaviour or speech that constitutes hatred or incitement to hatred against any group will be dealt with quickly and appropriately."

A misconception that the events were sponsored by the Institute for Women's Studies and Gender Studies (IWSGS) at U of T has also generated controversy. In fact, the institute is not a sponsor but circulated information about the events on its public listsery, which regularly relays notices of public events on campus or elsewhere in the community.

"The fact that notices of public events are circulated to subscribers to this listserv should not lead to the conclusion that IWSGS is sponsoring them or is taking a position on the views that may be expressed in the notices," said Professor Shahrzad Mojab, director of the institute.

"Further," added Farrar in his statement, "the fact that the university creates an environment where a recognized student group can express a view on a controversial subject does not mean that the university itself has expressed any view whatsoever."

CURIOSITIES



MAN FROM MARS

By Michah Rynor

Perhaps this expressionistic sculpture, untitled and sans head and ears, is a sympathetic nod to professors of music who must endure the sometimes out-of-tune strings, horns and vocals of fledgling first-year performers. Created by sculptor Evelyn Howorth and made of gray painted plaster over a metal armature, the piece was commissioned by Canadian soprano sensation Lois Marshall (1924-1997) on the occasion of her receiving the Toronto Arts Award in 1989. When Marshall died, it was stipulated in her will that this artwork was to be donated to the university and today this dramatic figure stands guard on the main floor of the Faculty of Music where she taught from 1986 until her death.

Fund Supports Academic Plan

By Sue Toye

MAGINE CREATING A CENTRE FOR urban schooling that will help youth facing educational challenges in Toronto schools. Or forming an institute that will put U of T on the map as a leader in photonics and optics research. These are just some of the proposed initiatives recommended to receive financial assistance from a

new fund launched by the provost's office to support U of T's academic plan, Stepping Up. The first round of proposals for support under the new Academic Initiative Fund (AIF) is now making its way through university governance.

AIF will provide financial support for initiatives coming out of the academic planning process that meet criteria rooted in the Stepping Up mission and values: enhancing the student experience; encouraging collaboration among disciplines, departments and divisions; linking undergraduate and graduate activities with research opportunities; connecting the university with the broader community, and improving equity and diversity at U of T. The fund will provide \$30 million in base funding over the next six years, with \$5 million alotted each year.

"For most of the academic units at the university, there are limited opportunities to generate new revenue," said Provost Vivek Goel. "It's a way by which units can make strategic investments in activities that will support us in meeting those five criteria and help us reach our mission to rank among the leading public universities in the world."

A review committee comprising

principals, deans and senior administrators and chaired by the provost received 52 proposals from 13 divisions last fall for the first round of funding. At its meeting Jan. 13, Academic Board gave its support to the proposed allocation of about \$1 million in base funding and a further \$27.7 million in one-time-only funds to be distributed over several years for proposals selected by the committee. If approved at Governing Council Feb. 10, the funds will be allocated immediately for those initiatives.

Among the initiatives selected: creating a centre for community partnerships where the university will work closely with groups in foronto to promote a culture of civic engagement; expanding student study space in Robarts Library; and launching a program through the Office of Teaching Advancement to help professors new to Canada become accustomed to teaching in a Canadian classroom. Initiatives for new centres or institutes still need to be approved by governance before they are established.

The deadline for submission of proposals for the next round of funding is Feb. 10.

Community Remembers Tsunami Victims

Poignant music from the Leslieville Public School Gamelan Ensemble opened a memorial service at Hart House Jan. 10 for victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami.

Their performances of indigenous Indonesian music also closed the service, held for the U of T community to remember victims of the Dec. 26 tsunami in the Indian Ocean. Memorial services were also held at UTM and UTSC.

In his opening remarks to a capacity audience, Interim President Frank Iacobucci commended the university community for reaching out to those in need and called for

further involvement.

"I invite all of you to engage this issue and to propose ways in which



Leslieville Public School Gamelan Ensemble

the University of Toronto can play an effective role in rehabilitating the human and physical landscape in the affected areas in the months and years to come," he said.

Geoff Wichert, co-ordinator of the Campus Chaplains' Association, urged the audience to support those around them who may have suffered a loss as a result of the tsunami. "You don't need to have all the answers to help someone who is grieving," he said.

Nurcahyo Basuki, a doctoral student in geology from Indonesia, said the first thing that came to his mind when he heard of the disaster was the fate of the children — what would become of those who lost their parents?

In closing the service, which was also attended by diplomatic representatives from Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Thailand, Provost Vivek Goel urged members of the U of T community to reflect on their responsibilities as members of the global community

"As a personal challenge to our community, I would like to propose that we try to put our interdisciplinary strengths to designing an early warning system for tsunamis that can be built at a fraction of the cost that has been suggested will be needed."

HART HOUSE WEEKLY EVEN

Thursday, January 27

Let's Get Naked Art Lecture Series, "Censorship...Crossing the line?" panel discussion featuring Frank Addario, Janine Benedet, Avrom Isaacs, Lyla Rye and Tom Taylor, 6:30pm in the Music Room

Open Stage - 8:30pm in the Arbor Room, All welcome, Licensed, No cover.

Jazz at Oscars - Kye Marshall, 9-11:30pm, Arbor Room, Licensed, No cover. CCMC & Hart House Improvisational Music Concert - 8pm in the Music Room.

Mon. Jan. 31 to Fri. Feb. 18. 2 pm - Elections for the Graduate and Recreational Athletics Committees (alumni positions only). Hart House alumni members may pick up nomination forms at the Hall Porter's Desk Students who graduate in June and are not returning to university may apply.

Wednesday, February 2

\$5 Lunch celebrates Black History Month, 11:30am-2:00pm, Great Hall. All welcome.

Blue Mountain Ski Day - Bus leaves 7am, returns 6:30pm. Hart House members: \$42. includes bus & lift ticket. Register in Membership Services. STAGES - Tumi and The Volume. 9pm in the Arbor Room. Licensed. No cover.

CINSUU & Hart House Present Hip Hop Film Screening, "Grafitti Verite and Freestyle: The Art of Rhyme", 7pm, Innis Town Hall. Free. Festival continues Sat. Feb. 5 with a selection of international films on the phenomenon of hip hop music

Jazz at Osacrs - Jazz Allstars featuring Canadian Idol Participant, Toya Alexis and Peter Smith, 9pm in the Arbor Room. Licensed. No cover.

Saturday, February 5
1st Annual Curling Bonspiel - Beginner & Experienced players welcome. 10am-6pm, Leaside Curling Club. Register in Membership Services

CONTEST DEADLINES Entry forms available from the poster rack in the rotunda Drama Society One-Act Playwriting Contest and 9th Annual One-Act Playwriting Competition deadline: Feb. 1. Poetry Prize deadline: Feb. 4. Film Board Gala deadline: Feb. 4 at 5 p.m. Entry forms available through Hart House Theatre or the Film Board websites. Hart House Art Competition deadline: Mar. 4 and Mar. 5.

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A MAYOR'S DREAM



Toronto mayor David Miller was on campus Jan. 14 to share his vision for the city in a free public discussion with Andy Barrie, host of CBC Radio's Metro Morning. Left to right: Barrie, Mary Cone Barrie, director of the School of Continuing Studies, Miller, Interim President Frank lacobucci.

Education "Backbone" Needs More Support

-Continued From Page 1result in a cash infusion of \$180 million to its operating grant. They also urged members to reexamine the Ontario Student Assistance Program which currently does not take into account the full costs of obtaining a post-secondary education; increase government funding for graduate students; and provide more public financial

support for university-based research.

The university provided the committee with copies of its November 2004 submission to the advisory panel established by the province and chaired by former premier Bob Rae to review the design and funding of Ontario's post-secondary institutions. The panel's mandate is to examine and make recommendations on five key issues: accessibility, quality, system design, funding and accountability. The Rae review panel is expected to present its final recommendations to the Ontario government in mid-February and the provincial budget is expected before the end of March.

The university's response to the Rae Review can be viewed at www.raereview.utoronto.ca

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U of T Tops in Grants, Prizes and Honours

By Michah Rynor

OFT CONTINUES TO RECEIVE TOP ranking when it comes to federal granting council payments, major research prizes and honours as well as support from the provincial and federal infrastructure and research programs, said Professor John Challis, vice-president (research) and associate provost, in his annual report presented to Business Board Jan. 17.

The total research funds awarded to U of T and affiliated hospitals in 2002-03 were \$563 million. U of T is also the recipient of an extraordinary share of national and international scholarly prizes with seven faculty members added to the list of the 250 most highly cited researchers over the last 20 years in 21 broad subject categories.

U of T continues to rank highly in the number of citations and publications indexed by the Institute for Scientific Information with health sciences ranking number one in both categories amongst public institutions that are members of the Association of

American Universities.

"Our plans for 2004-05 may be characterized as promoting differentiation, advocacy, facilitation and integration," the report states.

Challis and his team will develop a new series of research options for undergraduates available from the moment of acceptance through to graduation. They will also continue to develop new advocacy efforts, promote integration between faculties and across the three campuses as well as with other institutions internationally.

"Our challenges will be to maximize the opportunities afforded by federal and provincial research infrastructure incorporating programs; to build understanding of the importance of our research activities not only across our campuses but amongst all different stakeholder groups out into the community; and to generate a culture of innovation that will allow our researchers to capitalize fully on these terrific new resources for the benefit of society as a whole," Challis said in an interview.

For full report see www.research. utoronto.ca/RAP-AR-04-05.pdf.

Grad Student Designs Disaster Relief in a Box

By Mary Alice Thring

HEN IT COMES TO DISASTER relief, Michael Donaldson is thinking inside the box.

Donaldson's master's thesis project in architecture, completed on Jan. 8, lays out the concept for a deployable architectural system including field hospitals, workshops and shelters, using common shipping containers as standard modular units.

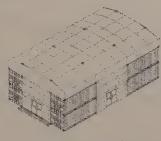
"I was looking at something that can help with the rebuilding of social infrastructure such as hospitals and schools after war or disaster," Donaldson said. "There needs to be something that takes over after disaster response teams such as the UN or military leave, which is typically about 30 days."

Donaldson, who has completed Canadian Forces basic training, was inspired by his cousin Master Corporal Mark Isfeld, who carried out UN peacekeeping duties with Canadian military engineers until he was killed by a landmine in Croatia in 1994. "Canadian peacekeepers do help with rebuilding when they can but it's normally not their first priority" he said.

As illustrated in Donaldson's thesis, teams of specially trained architects, engineers and skilled tradespeople would work closely with Canadian and international armed forces and aid agencies in rebuilding damaged infrastructure. He has detailed schools, workshops, barracks, security units and even offices — all packed into the ubiquitous 20-foot-equivalent containers. A kit

of structural parts packed into a single container can be assembled into an 1,800-square-foot building like a giant Meccano set. A fully functioning field hospital, including diesel generator, could be packed into six containers, which could be shipped via freighter, truck or rail to arrive at any location in the world within 30 days. The containers themselves would be used as structural elements, whether attached to remnants of existing buildings or forming perimeter walls that could provide security while rebuilding took place. An inflatable, insulated roof membrane would provide weather-proof shelter.

"When disaster strikes, there is a huge gap left by the professional class," Donaldson said. "In researching the project I was struck that there is no organization or aid agency that helps rebuild cities. In Canada, we export that knowledge commercially all the time. I figure with this system, a 300-unit deployment, which is half a small cargo ship, would be able to build 20 or 30 new buildings at once and local people can work interactively with the experts."



Base Modual Unit — Double Height

New Plastic Can See in the Dark



Professor Ted Sargent

By Sonnet L'Abbé

I MAGINE A HOME WITH "SMART" walls responsive to the environment in the room, a digital camera sensitive enough to work in the dark or clothing with the capacity to turn the sun's power into electrical energy. U of T researchers have invented an infrared-sensitive material that could soon turn these possibilities into reality.

In a paper published on the *Nature Materials* website Jan. 9, a team of researchers led by Professor Ted Sargent of electrical and computer engineering reported on its achievement in tailoring matter to harvest the sun's invisible rays.

"We made particles from semiconductor crystals which were exactly two, three or four nanometres in size. The nanoparticles were so small they remained dispersed in everyday solvents just like the particles in paint," said Sargent, Nortel Networks-Canada Research Chair in Emerging Technologies. The researchers then tuned the nanocrystals to catch light at very long wavelengths. The result — a sprayable infrared detector.

Existing technology has given us solution-processible, light-sensitive materials that have made large low-cost solar cells, displays and sensors possible, but these materials have so far only worked in the visible light spectrum, Sargent said. "These same functions are needed in the infrared for many imaging applications in the medical field and for fibre optic communications."

The discovery may also help in the quest for renewable energy sources. Flexible roller-processed solar cells have the potential to harness the sun's power but efficiency, flexibility and cost are going to determine how that potential becomes practice, said Josh Wolfe, managing partner and nanotechnology venture capital investor at Lux Capital in Manhattan. Wolfe, who was not part of the research team, said the findings in the paper are significant: "These flexible photovoltaics could harness half of the sun's spectrum not previously accessed."

Professor Peter Peumans of Stanford University, who reviewed the research, also acknowledged the groundbreaking nature of the work. "Our calculations show that, with further improvements in efficiency, combining infrared and visible photovoltaics could allow up to 30 per cent of the sun's radiant energy to be harnessed, compared to six per cent in today's best plastic solar cells."

Graduate student Steve MacDonald carried out many of the experiments that produced the world's first solutionprocessed photovoltaic in the infrared. "The key was finding the right molecules to wrap around our nanoparticles," he said. "Too long and the particles couldn't deliver their electrical energy to our circuit; too short and they clumped up, losing their nanoscale properties. It turned out that one nanometer - eight carbon atoms strung together in a chain - was just right."

HR to Increase Visibility on Campus

By Michah Rynor

A CQUIRING AND RETAINING EXCELlent staff and faculty while finding more effective ways to communicate with all working members of the U of T community will continue to be priorities, said Professor Angela Hildyard, vicepresident (human resources and equity), in her annual report to Business Board Jan. 17.

To do this, human resources and equity staff will initiate new and better communication tools such as updating a number of websites (including the main HR site as well as the environmental health and safety website) and creating an improved orientation program for new staff. An employee satisfaction survey will also be pilot tested in one or two divisions this coming year.

As well, in line with best practice in many other leading organizations, Hildyard is developing a benchmarking system to assess the office's effectiveness. The office will also find ways of creating more mentors and mentorship outlets in order to create a better environment for employee

career succession, the report states.

"The mentoring partnership program continues to be an important leadership development mechanism," the report states. "This program was expanded in 2004 and the number of partnerships doubled to 30. This expansion included more junior levels of staff and has provided an opportunity for mentorees from the senior program to participate as mentors for the first time. Since the program was introduced, 35 per cent of participants have been promoted to more senior positions within the university.

As well, approximately 640 professional and managerial jobs (P/M) were evaluated using a new evaluation system and compensation program, both of which are designed to measure aspects of work relevant to professional and managerial roles at U of T.

"Significant changes were also introduced to the performance assessment process for P/M's," the report states. "The new process was designed to improve objectivity and consistency, to facilitate

meaningful dialogue and feed-back on performance and to strengthen the link between performance and merit pay."

Another critical requirement of the office is succession planning, particularly for leadership roles given the fact that over the coming decade approximately 33 per cent of the P/M staff becomes eligible for retirement.

According to the report, 41 per cent of P/M vacancies are filled internally but the university could do more to "develop internal talent and ensure that highly qualified internal candidates are available to assume more senior roles as they become available."

Hildyard's office will design and pilot a succession planning process for these positions, "paying particular attention to areas of vulnerability due to retirement projections and the need to foster a talent pool for critical leadership roles."

"As stated in Stepping Up, our staff and faculty should enjoy a work environment that ranks amongst the finest in the country," Hildyard said in an interview. "And our challenge over the next year is to ensure we meet this goal."

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IN MEMORIAM

McFeat Was Major Figure in Canadian Anthropology

PROFESSOR EMERITUS THOMAS McFeat of anthropology at U of T at Scarborough, a major figure in Canadian anthropology, died peacefully in hospital Nov. 22 while undergoing minor surgery. He was 85 years old.

After serving in the medical corps during the Second World War, McFeat attended McGill University, receiving his BA in 1950 with honours in sociology and psychology. He then went to Harvard where he earned his MA in 1954 and PhD in 1957 in anthropology.

McFeat began his career at the University of New Brunswick in 1954 as an assistant professor. Then from 1959 to 1963 he served as chief ethnologist at the National Museum of Canada. After a brief stint at Carleton University, he joined the faculty at U of T in 1964. As head of the anthropology department from 1964 to 1969, McFeat oversaw a major transition, hiring a large new cohort of talented scholars. He moved to the Scarborough campus in 1973 where he retired in 1984 but continued to teach for several more years.

McFeat was particularly interested in culturally derived models of learning and education. In the early 1950s he carried out pioneering research on the integration of recruits into the Canadian Army and in 1953, a study of Zuni theories of learning. In 1955 he studied Maliseet family industries in New Brunswick and continued to work on the Tobique reserve on the St. John River from 1961 to 1965 and again in 1977-78,



focusing on models for group restructuring in the face of community disjunction. From 1966 to 1970 and in 1982-83 he carried out a project "unique in the history of anthropology," said Professor Michael Lambek, a colleague and friend, "namely what he called the laboratory study into the growth of smallgroup cultures."

A prolific writer, McFeat's numerous publications range from The Parade Square as a Learning Model (1952) through his classic edited collection Indians of the North Pacific Coast (1965), now in its 10th reprinting, and Small-Group Cultures (1974). As a teacher he taught on culture and communication and childhood as well as teaching a popular first-year course entitled Peoples and Culture of the World. He also lectured on Canadian and North American First Nations and the cultures of modern Canada and helped numerous graduate students, especially those working on topics regarding Canadian First Nations, Canadian society and aspects of social communication.

"As something of an anarchist, a staunch egalitarian and a man of great open mind but little patience with bureaucracy or formality, Tom was a hero and role model for many of us," Lambek said. Citing the occasion when restrictions were placed on faculty use of the photocopy machine as an example, Lambek recalled McFeat's protest against burdening the secretaries, writing a letter to Professor Ronald Blair, chair of social sciences, in 1978 to "kindly make arrangement to have a coin machine placed in the vicinity of the Social Science office as soon as possible."

But McFeat was also an institution builder and active in numerous anthropological organizations. He was cofounder of the Northeastern Anthropological Conference and later president of the Toronto Semiotics Circle. During his tenure as chair of anthropology, "he cast an indelible stamp" on the department, Lambek said, by remodelling it along Zuni lines of quadripartite social organization. "Toronto is possibly the only anthropology department in the world to self-consciously draw upon models provided by ethnographic subjects in attempting to solve its own internal problems of organization," he said.

"Tom was a jazz pianist, a staunch friend and a much loved family man."

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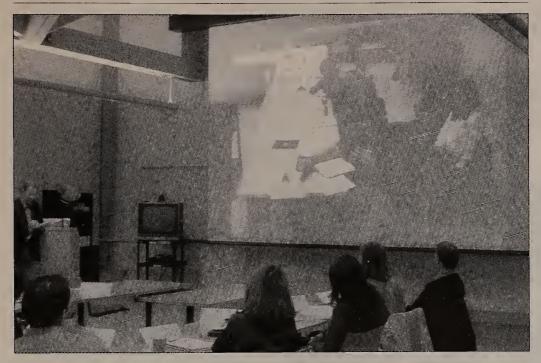
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If a Tree Falls in a Virtual Forest ...

By Sonnet L'Abbé

How does a forestry student in the heart of downtown Toronto access knowledge on Canada's vast forested areas — the largest of which stretches from Newfoundland and Labrador in the east to the Rocky Mountains in the west and north to Alaska?

U of T's Faculty of Forestry is making it easier; through its plans for a virtual forestry university, educators are creating links that span the country — and the globe — as widely as our forests do.

The idea was born out of a discussion between the deans of Canada's eight forestry schools. Each school is relatively small; individually, they have so far been unable to tap into the wealth of global, often geography-specific expertise that could provide a more comprehensive forestry education. To begin bridging the gap, U of T and the University of British Columbia began a pilot project last September that offers a joint graduate seminar via videoconference.

Professor Terry Blake is the coordinator of Forestry 1000/1001, which over the term brings about six professors from U of T and six UBC professors together to speak to students. Each presenter is invited to discuss the global environment and then move into specific case studies. "We're exposing students to the wider perspective on Canadian forestry," Blake said. "The concerns are different. British Columbia is home to very big trees; in the east the trees are much smaller. UBC is more of a traditional forestry school, focused on graduating professional foresters; here at U of T we're more focused on forest conservation."

Charles Nock, a master's student, said he has been able to hear about the broader forestry community's perspective on current issues as they happen including aboriginal land negotiations in B.C. or the impact of U.S. levies on Canadian softwood. He also enjoys it when other U of T professors join the seminar and become involved in the cross-continental discussion. "Students don't always have an opportunity to be exposed to that kind of scholarly debate. It's good to see two academics going into the ring," he said with a smile. "I'd like to see more of it."

Fellow student Jeff Boone is also enthusiastic: "I'm very impressed with the technology," he said. "It does feel like you're really connecting with the UBC group. The screen isn't as much of

a barrier as I thought it would be." Students are also writing papers in the course that directly address their experience of learning through videoconference.

Professor Rorke Bryan, dean of forestry at U of T, is excited by the project not only because it helps the faculty access the best expertise in the world but also because it furthers the university's academic plan, Stepping Up, on many levels, especially in broadening the student experience. Plans to link up with more peer institutions are on the immediate horizon and a trial videoconference with Nanjing University in China is slated for the end of term

Professor Jack Saddler, dean of forestry at UBC, said the program provides a unique opportunity. "This is a chance for Canada to become the epicentre of global forestry education," he said.

Blake can't wait to have students hear first-hand about the "great green wall" of trees that China is planting in a swath across the country. "The main challenge is that China is exactly 12 hours ahead of Toronto," Blake said. "But we'll manage because it's so important. If we have the video conference at eight in the morning, it will be eight in the evening in Nanjing."

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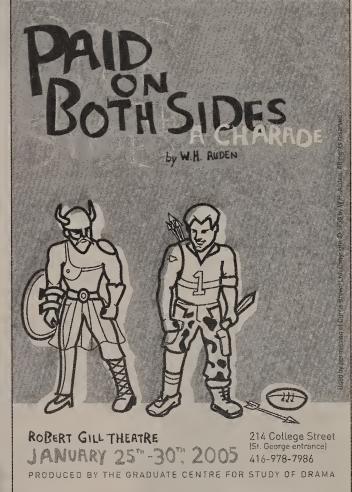
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JUST WEEKS AFTER THE DEADLY TSUNAMI FLATTENED LARGE swaths of the province, Indonesia's Muhammadiyah University in Aceh has reopened its doors — but classes aren't in session. The campus has been turned into a huge

campus has been turned into a huge relief camp: the faculty lounge is now aid co-ordination headquarters, professors' offices are makeshift dispensaries, classrooms are now clinics and sleeping quarters for student volunteers from all over the country. Other

universities in the Acehnese capital did not fare as well: Iskandarmuda University, located two miles from the sea, took the full force of the tsunami and has been reduced to its foundations. Syiah Kuala University suffered only minor physical damage but has likely lost thousands of students.

GENDER POLITICS MISSTEP

THE PRESIDENT OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY, LAWRENCE Summers, whose remarks offended many at an academic conference Jan. 14 by suggesting that innate differences in sex may explain why fewer women succeed in science and math careers, has made his third public apology and pledged \$25 million US to promote hiring more women and minorities. "I was wrong to have spoken in a way that has resulted in an unintentional signal of discouragement to talented girls and women," Summers said in his most recent statement. He originally defended his statement, telling the New York Times he was seeking to promote a debate. In recent days, however, he says he has "learned much" about "the very real barriers faced by women in pursuing scientific and other academic careers."

Compiled by Sonnet L'Abbé
Sources: Chronicle of Higher Education,
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COMMENTARY

MUDDY MOTIVES

When countries provide humanitarian aid, does it matter why?

By MARK BERNSTEIN

O HUMAN TRAGEDY IN RECENT MEMORY has reached its knarled hand into the chest cavity of so many and ripped out so many hearts as has the recent devastating tsunami disaster in Southeast Asia. This heartbreaking catastrophe is impossible to fully comprehend, both scientifically and humanistically, for most North Americans and Europeans, mainly because of the monstrous magnitude of the destruction of innocent people. But it is also partly because it occurred so far away, on the other side of the world, in a place where there are so many people and where the average standard of living is so relatively low. It thus happened in a distant place many of us "over here" cannot readily identify with. For most westerners the affected countries are in the developing world, essentially seen as vibrantly interesting, desirable tourist venues.

Perhaps my two trips to India and my two extended visits working as a neurosurgeon and teacher in Bandung, Indonesia, all within the last two and a half years, made the whole ghastly event a little closer for me. Bandung is situated safely away from Aceh in west central Java but a handful of the residents I teach in Bandung left their homes in Aceh to study in Bandung and now have lost family members and homes back in Aceh. I think my wife and daughters also identified with the disaster more readily, having seen hundreds of my photos and having endured countless stories about

photos and having endured countless stories about these fascinating countries.

The obvious positive that has come out of this is the rapidity and magnitude of the world's response, the most obvious expression of which is the amount of money being raised and items and helpers being sent. Unfortunately some of the financial donations have turned into photo opportunities and almost a show of one-upmanship by the leaders of many industrialized countries as they "outbid" each other with announcements of their country's latest contribution. But whatever the collateral benefits are, the main motivator for all this positive action is a genuine caring and the sense of obligation to help fellow human beings on the part of countless other human beings. The sheer



amount of money that will be donated by countries and individuals to this cause is incredible — it will surely end up being at least \$1 billion. Almost three weeks after the underwater earthquake unleashed its fury, donations had already reached \$425 million on the part of the Canadian government and \$137 million by private citizens in Canada alone.

Obvious secondary gains from these acts of generosity are to make us feel better about ourselves and to partly assuage our guilt about living such relatively privileged lives but the basic motive is still an altruistic one. But are there other secondary gains from the humanitarian activity? Since the tsunami struck, we have seen numerous commentaries describing how political gain can be procured by

governments acting quickly and generously. U.S. president George Bush's silence for the first three days was widely interpreted as a lost opportunity to gain the trust of a large Muslim nation by the United States of America. Former president Bill Clinton stated on television that the humanitarian effort should not be about America's image but about doing the right thing. Bush even seems to have seized an interesting political opportunity by recruiting a political adversary from the Democratic Party, the same Bill Clinton, to help spearhead the American humanitarian effort. Bush seized another opportunity to help out his own family by appointing his father to team up with Clinton while his brother, the governor of Florida, has been sent to oversee this effort on the ground.

It is easy to be cynical of motives, especially in the last few years when the image of the U.S., the most important country on the planet, has been tarnished by internal scandals, a devastatingly divisive presidential election, a struggling economy and a largely unpopular foreign policy. It is also difficult to reconcile some of the discrepancies in donations by various countries. Why is Australia's gross dollar commitment more than twice Canada's and also twice that of the U.S. — and almost four times Canada's per person commitment and 34 times America's per person? Is Australia's obligation greater because it is geographically closer and eco-

nomically more closely tied to the southeast Asian countries? Is the U.S. commitment lower because it is so far away and because so many of the victims are Muslim and therefore potential enemies of that country?

Let us not question motives or try to reconcile apparent discrepancies. Let us not look askance at a country that appears to be donating too little or enviously at one that seems to be donating so much. Let us just pause and appreciate the individuality of nations and the complexity of relationships between various countries. But mainly let us rejoice that the world is still enough of a global village that people who don't know each other still have enough love for their planet and fellow human beings to extend a helping hand to countless people they will never meet.

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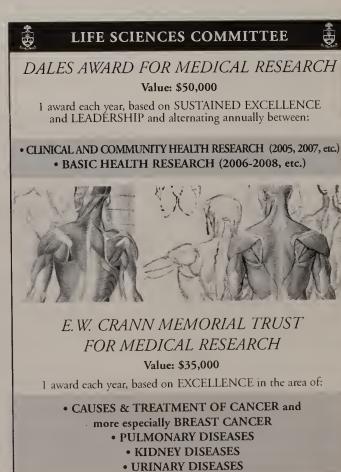
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SPOTLIGHT ON RESEARCH

Healthy Proverbs, Aging Beagles



A proverb a day may make you healthier

It's time to add to our store of proverbs with new phrases that teach us how to be healthier, says a U of T researcher.

In a paper published in the December 2004 Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health, Professor Bernard Choi of public health sciences suggests that we need to create new science-based proverbs that reflect current information about healthy living. "People often remember proverbs although they may not remember tables of data on calories or metabolic rates," said Choi.

"Proverbs such as Eat to live, not live to eat were created by our great-grandparents," Choi said. "A few hundred years down the road, we will be the great-grandparents. Maybe we have the responsibility to create new health proverbs based on clinical trials, rather than observations that haven't been verified."

Choi collaborated on the paper with his wife, Anita Pak, and their teenage children, Jerome and Elaine. Together they worked at creating proverbs that reflect today's public health principles, providing advice on such things as smoking, maintaining a balanced diet and being physically active. Their modern proverbs

include: The more you smoke, the more you croak; A tri-colour meal is a good deal; and Seven days without exercise makes one weak.

"A proverb is usually a homely illustration of a great truth and is not meant to be a dry scientific statement," Choi said.

CHRISTINA MARSHALL

Tides once spread massive icebergs

Labrador Sea ocean tides dislodged huge Arctic icebergs thousands of years ago, carrying gigantic ice-rafted debris across the ocean and contributing to the ice age's deep freeze, says an international team of university researchers.

The study is the first to suggest that ocean tides contributed to enigmatic Heinrich events, a phenomenon where colossal discharges of icebergs periodically flowed into the North Atlantic from about 60,000 to 10,000 years ago. The events occurred during the deep throes of the ice age and the new study shows that tides added to the chill by breaking gigantic icebergs from the ice sheet covering northern Canada. "These findings provide a link between ocean tides, ice sheets and ocean circulation and a measure of the sensitivity of climate during the last ice age," said Professor Jerry Mitrovica of physics, a co-author of the study. "This sensitivity is important to understand, because the connection between changes in ocean circulation and future climate remains a matter of great interest."

To track ancient tides Mitrovica, Professor Brian Arbic of Princeton University, lead author of the study, and a team of researchers used a state-of-the-art computer model that captured current open-ocean tidal variances with an unprecedented 92 per cent accuracy. They then input ice-age simulations of sea-level changes over time. "The results showed that the tides were highest in the Labrador Sea at the same time the Heinrich events occurred," Mitrovica said. "We can safely assume that the tides played a key role in breaking the ice and launching the icebergs into the ocean."

Mitrovica is careful to note that ocean circulation is just one piece of the present-day climatic change puzzle. "As an example, the Antarctic ice sheet weakens due to warming and huge blocks have broken off where tides are highest. Future climatic changes involve many different factors but it's important to note that in our ice age past tides defined the weak spot and acted as a catalyst for large climate events."

KAREN KELLY

Europeans turning to Canada to understand identity issues

European academics and researchers, especially those in Germany and Holland, are turning to African-Canadian writers to understand the racial tensions now being experienced in many parts of Europe, says Professor George Elliott Clarke of English.

Clarke, one of Canada's most well-known authors, poets and academics in the field of racism studies, has become much in demand as an expert for speaking tours in Europe, addressing those who see Canada as one of the best countries to study when it comes to mixed-race literature and politics.

"Europeans see African-Canadian writers — and especially mixed-race authors — exploring the issues of identity and belonging far more profoundly than seems to be the case for African-American writers," Clarke stated. "This isn't strange since most African-American writers generally speak only to African-American/ white racial tensions whereas in Canada, no one segment of the black community can claim to speak for all of the others because our black communities are filled with those who have come from all over the world."

In Germany, Clarke said, much racism is directed to the mixed-race populations of people whose parents have come from either Turkey or from the African-American soldiers who fathered children in Germany during the Cold War. "The children of these mixed-race parents grow up with identities that are partly German but also African-American and they end up completely marginalized."

African-Canadian writers such as Andrea Thompson, Suzette Mayr, Lawrence Hill, André Alexis, Lorena Gale and Clarke (who is himself part Mi'kmaq and part black) all talk of the problems and issues experienced by persons of mixed-race backgrounds and it is these authors who are becoming increasingly well known in European academic circles.

"The experience of race and racism confronting Germany has to do with its lack of success in integrating these populations into the larger German nation and it is African-Canadian authors who are becoming the natural means of helping them understand what is happening in their countries," said Clarke.

MICHAH RYNOR

Multiple therapies curb declining ability

A new study of beagles led by researchers at U of T at Scar-

borough underscores the importance of using a combination of diet and behaviour therapies to curb the progressive decline in the ability to learn that occurs with advanced aging.

"We were really surprised just how clear-cut the benefit is of using a combined therapy," said Professor Bill Milgram of psychology who specializes in aging research and was lead investigator of the study

The results of the study, published in the January issue of Neurobiology of Aging, looked at the impact four combinations of behavioural enrichment and supplementation of diet with antioxidants had on a beagle's ability to learn as the senior dog grew older. The first group had a regular diet and regular experience; the second received a regular diet and an enriched experience; the third group a regular experience and an enriched diet; and the fourth group an enriched diet and an enriched experience.

Whereas previous studies have looked at dogs of different ages all at once to identify age-related differences, this investigation followed four groups of dogs over a period of two years. As predicted, the researchers found a dog's ability to learn declines with age. What they had not anticipated was seeing such a statistically significant benefit of combining behavioural enrichment and the antioxidant supplementation compared with giving either alone.

"Since humans and dogs have many biological and behavioral parallels, I predict similar results would be attained in people," Milgram noted.

The following conflict of interest was declared by the authors with respect to publication of this paper: investigator Steven Zicker is an employee of Hill's Pet Nutrition Inc., which has commercialized the antioxidant fortified food used in the study.

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Taking into consideration extensive consultations and assessments in recent months, the Presidential Search Committee has developed the following position specification for the 15th President of the University of Toronto.

1. THE OPPORTUNITY

The University of Toronto is an internationally significant university that seeks to be among the world's best public teaching and research universities. It is known for its discovery, preservation and sharing of knowledge, and for its commitment to excellence and equity. The University of Toronto is seeking a president who will embrace this ambitious vision with commitment and passion, and who will provide leadership in working with all who have a stake in its attainment.

2. THE NEW PRESIDENT'S MANDATE

The next President of the University of Toronto will be an inspiring leader, who articulates persuasively a vision of the University as a world-class teaching and research institution, who stands for and supports constant improvement in its standards and programs, who nurtures a culture in which progress is not only feasible but expected, and who works tirelessly and with imagination to provide the resources needed to achieve the University's goals.

While responsible for progress in achieving all institutional goals, the next President will need to devote particular attention to the following priorities:

- Increasing the University's capacity for creating knowledge, and advancing research and scholarship that is recognized internationally as outstanding among its peer institutions;
- Enhancing the quality of student experience. Significant improvements can be identified for all groups of students, but particular attention is needed to assess further and to promote the reinvigoration of undergraduate life, within and outside the classroom;
- Fostering a culture that attracts, motivates, recognizes and retains excellent faculty;
- Building effective relationships that will advance the University's interests and those of post-secondary education in general. This includes establishing and motivating an outstanding team of executives and academic administrators, as well as strengthening alliances with governments, agencies, foundations, other universities, industry, donors and alumni; and
- Being a strong external representative and a champion of the University as a force for public good. This includes encouraging research and scholarship on and being able to contribute personally to debate on pressing public issues.

3. Personal Qualifications and Experience

The Presidential Search Committee, while recognizing that different individuals may have strengths in different measure, is seeking candidates with the following background, experience, and personal qualities:

- Outstanding record of teaching, research and academic leadership, with accomplishments that demonstrate academic excellence and a proven commitment to the values of academic integrity and freedom;
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- skill in dealing with accountability and institutional autonomy issues in the academy and in the public sector, and evidence of effectiveness in working with university governance bodies.
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LETTERS



ARTICLE ENLIGHTENING

I was privileged to take an international relations course with Professor Kirton, a long time ago. His Forum piece was a fine article, with lots of good supporting arguments for why the U.S. needs Canada (Friends, Partners or Codependents? Dec. 13). I greatly enjoyed the top 10 format. The comments about Canada's G8 participation were most enlightening. It's fascinating how the Iraq war split the G8 right down the middle. Canada, France, Germany and Russia refused to join the "coalition" formed by the U.S., Britain, Italy and Japan, among others, to fight the war. And just look at the results. Canada, France and Germany have become the de facto leaders of the G8 while Britain and the U.S. have been busy in Iraq. As well, Britain, the U.S. and Italy have had hostages taken and brutally murdered during the conflict. While Canadian and French citizens were taken hostage, they escaped or were released relatively unharmed. (I was so glad to hear near Christmas of the release of the two French journalists held for weeks by insurgents.)

I have gone Professor Kirton one better on item 10 — I have joined MarryanAmerican.ca to offer my heart and hand to a sensible American who wants to become a citizen of the best country in the world by getting married to me. No proposals yet, but I check the site regularly.

Just one little grammar note: the Americans seceded, not succeeded, from the Union of British North America in 1776 As an ESL teacher, I have to keep on top of these matters so my students don't get confused. Keep up the good work.

CAROL SHETLER
ALUMNA
OSHAWA, ONT.

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ON THE OTHER HAND

The Sexy Side of Physics

By Nicholas Pashley

Honestly, you look the other way for a moment and suddenly it's an altogether different year. Because some of us don't write as many cheques or proper letters nowadays, we haven't spent the last few weeks crossing out the wrong year several times a day, so we're still a bit surprised.

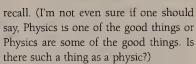
2005: a whole year since I went on my low-cholesterol diet and lost 15 pounds. Do I feel fitter and more energetic after all those oats and flaxseed, after a year

without a single cheeseburger or even a glass of milk? Not at all. Still, I expect I'll live forever. It already feels like it.

2005: 75 years since the invention of the whoopee cushion. Fifty years since the Brooklyn Dodgers won their only World Series. Twenty-five years since I sold my first book at your campus bookstore. 2005: the year we're all going to have to come to terms with the breakup of Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston, whoever they are.

The biggest celebration this year, of course, is the arrival of the Year of Physics. A hundred years ago a young patent office employee named Albert Einstein published his theory of relativity. This, as you know, examined space and time through the perspective of the velocity of light. I know this because I read it in the *Toronto Star* just recently and I am a personal friend of a former science editor of that newspaper. And I know about the Year of Physics because every publisher in the world is publishing books this year about Einstein to mark the occasion.

Physics is one of the good things. I say that in the spirit of a friend of mine who, when asked to purchase a subscription package to a dance company, said, "I love the dance. I just don't like to watch it." I love physics. I just don't get physics. Back in Grade 11 Mr. Ross did his best to introduce some basic precepts into my noggin but what they were I can no longer



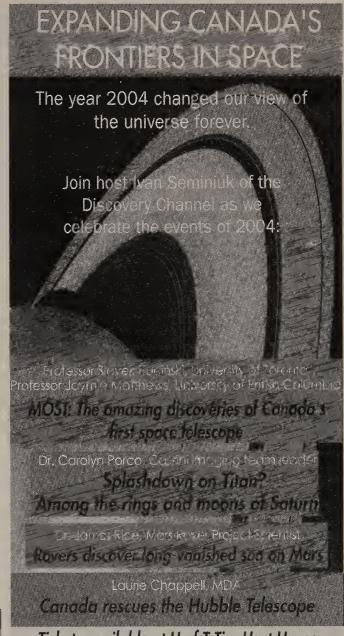
Physics is the sexy science. Botanists toil in obscurity. When was there a Year of Geology? Maybe I missed it. Are there superstars of metallurgy? Physicists, on the other hand, drive around in low-slung foreign cars, fighting off red-hot would-be sexual partners. (Hang around outside the McLennan Physical Labs

some time if you don't believe me.) Why is that? Is it because physics itself is more fun or accessible than whatever it is chemists do? Possibly, though whatever it is that makes string theory fun has long eluded me. Still, who's a bigger star than Stephen Hawking? Richard Feynman died nearly 17 years ago but we're still selling CDs of his lectures down on College Street.

My guess is that it's really about Einstein. Specifically his hair and his moustache. My point, inasmuch as I have one, is that if Einstein had looked like Stephen Harper we wouldn't be selling Albert Einstein finger puppets at your local bookstore. (Check 'em out — they're pretty darn cute.) We all love Einstein, even those of us who think unified field theory is an agricultural term. You look at a photograph of Einstein and you think, Wacky yet affable genius scientist. You think, Cute as a button. You think, Physics must be fun. You'd consider buying an adorable finger puppet that doubles as a fridge magnet (also available in other iconic geniuses, a snip at \$7.50).

I'm not suggesting the world's a fair place or that physics is inherently more scintillating than botany or chemistry. All I'm saying is that until the botanists and chemists get themselves an icon like Einstein they can kiss the fast cars and accelerated love lives goodbye.

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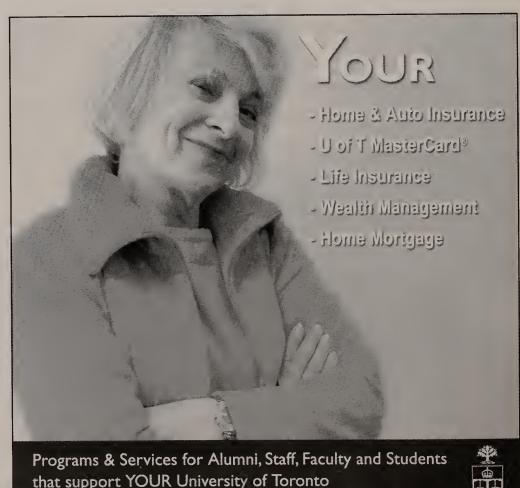
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Robert Bateman:

Thursday, January 27 Robert Bateman, artist and naturalist; illustrated lecture. Isabel Bader Theatre, 93 Charles St. W. 4:30 p.m. Victoria

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From Osler to Insulin: The Coming of the Age of Medical Miracles.

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Proteins and Protein Weighing: The Discovery, Identification and Verification of Endometrial Cancer Markers.

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The Stubborn Persistance of Stereotypes: Adaptation and Cultural Change.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3 University Prof. Linda Hutcheon, English and comparative literature; Alexandra Semeniuk lecture. Alumni Hall, Victoria University. 7:30 p.m. OISE/UT

Class Identity and Filipino Transnationalism.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 Prof. Phillip Kelly, York University. 208N Munk Centre for International Studies. 2 to 4 p.m. Asian Institute

The Souls of Brown Folks: Latina/o Studies.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 Prof. José Esteban Muñoz, New York University; Remapping American Studies series. 208N Munk Centre for International Studies. 5 p.m. Chancellor Jackman Program for the Arts

Evolution in Real Time: Drug Resistance in Fungal Pathogens.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 Prof. James Anderson, botany, U of T at Mississauga. Auditorium, Medical Sciences Building. 3 p.m. Royal Canadian Institute

The Literature of African and Its Diaspora.

Monday, February 7 Austin Clarke, author; Conversations: Writers & Readers in Dialogue series. William Doo Auditorium, New College Residence, 45 Willcocks St. 6 p.m. Chancellor Jackman Program for the Arts

Living as a Chameleon: A Feminist Analysis of Young Women's Lived Experience of Anger.

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Gender Issues in Writing Assessment.

Friday, January 28 Prof. Shelley Peterson, curriculum, teaching and learning, OISE/UT. 4-414 OISE/UT, 252 Bloor St. W. 1:30 to 3 p.m. Curriculum, Teaching & Learning, OISE/UT

Casimir Snowflakes, Climate Change and Supersolid 'He: The Bulk Does the Bidding of the Surface.

Thursday, February 3 Prof. John Wettlaufer, Yale University, 102 McLennan Physical Laboratories. 4 p.m. Physics



SEMINARS

Segmental Patterning in the Vertebrate Axis.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26 Olivier Pourquie, Stowers Institute for Medical Research. 968 Mt. Sinai Hospital. Noon. Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute

Gender, Energy and Poverty: Rural Perspectives in Nepal.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26 Ishara Mahat, IWSGS visiting scholar. IWSGS Lounge, 20 Willcocks St. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Institute for Women's Studies & Gender Studies

What Makes the Icon Icon?

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26 Roman Kirinkov, associate conservator, U of T Art Centre. Combination Room, Trinity College; advanced degree students circle. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Divinity, Trinity College

Internet-Based Support Groups for Family Caregivers of Persons With Dementia.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27 Prof. Flsa Marziali, social work, Ste. 106. 222 College St. Noon to 1:30. Human Development, Life Course & Aging

Power for the Future: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in Ontario.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 Mark Winfield, Pembina Institute. 2093 Earth Sciences Centre. 4 p.m. Environmental Studies

Aging With a Developmental Disability: The Service Paradox.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3 Kathy McKnight, doctoral student, social work. Ste. 106, 222 College St Noon to 1:30. Human Development, Life Course & Aging

Researching Urban Health in Canada: Problems and Prospects.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3 Prof. Sarah Wakefield, geography. 113 Koffler Institute for Pharmacy Management. 4 p.m. Environmental Studies and Gage Occupational & Environmental Health Unit

Electoral Institutions and Real Prices Around the World, 1972-2000: Theory and Evidence.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 Prof. Ronald Rogowski, University of California at Los Angeles. 108N Munk Centre for International Studies. 2 to 4 p.m. Political Science, International Studies and European Studies

MEETINGS & CONFERENCES

Planning & Budget Committee.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25 Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall. 4:10 p.m.

Committee on Academic Policy & Programs.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall. 4:10 p.m.

Prokofiev Onstage: New Light on a Modern Master.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5 Invited speakers include Christopher Barnes, Slavic languages and literatures; Nelly Kravetz, Tel Aviv University; James Kudelka and dancers, National Ballet of Canada; William Littler, Toronto Star; Paul Mitchinson, writer and Russianist; Simon Morrison, Princeton University: Selma Odom, York University; Michael Pisani, Vassar College; Lesley-Anne Sayers, University of Roehampton, U.K; Iain Scott, opera commentator; Jiri Smrz, history; and Tamara Trojanowska, Slavic languages and literatures; in conjunction with the Prokofiev Festival. Innis College Town Hall. 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information: www.utoronto.ca/crees/proko fiev.htm. Russian & East European Studies

MUSIC

FACULTY OF MUSIC EDWARD JOHNSON BUILDING Thursdays at Noon.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27 Music & Poetry: Scott Belluz, countertenor; Stephen Erickson, tenor; Giles Tomkins, bass; Gabriel Radford, horn; John Hawkins, piano; Eric Domville, commentator. Walter Hall. 12:10 p.m.

U of T Symphony Orchestra and Choirs.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29 Raffi Armenian and Doreen Rao, conductors. MacMillan Theatre. 8 p.m. Tickets \$17, students and seniors \$9.

Chamber Music Series.

Monday, January 31 eighth blackbird: Michael Maccaferri, clarinet, Molly Alicia Barth, flute; Matthew Albert, violin; Nicholas Photinos, cello; Lisa Kaplan, piano; Matthew Duvall, percussion. Walter Hall. 7 p.m. Tickets \$21, students and seniors \$11.

Voice Performance Class.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

A Memoir in Pictures.

University College. 7:30 p.m.

the Middle Powers?

Roméo Dallaire, Harvard University.

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EVENTS

Vocal gems from the Stratton Collection. Room 330. 12:10 p.m.

Young Artists Recitals.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 Albino, soprano; Tyrsa Gawrachynsky, soprano; Jonathan Estabrooks, baritone; Bruce Ubukata, piano. Walter Hall. 8 p.m. Tickets \$12, students and seniors \$6.

World of Music.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3 Guest lecture on Prokofiev by Prof. Simon Morrison, Princeton University. Walter Hall. 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 Jamie, Scott and Friends play Prokofiev. Walter Hall. 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 Chinese music old and new featuring U of T Chinese Ensemble; Qiu Huaisheng, director. Walter Hall. 2 p.m.

Symphonic Band.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 Jeffrey Reynolds, conductor. MacMillan Theatre. 8 p.m. Tickets \$13, students and seniors \$7

Wind Ensemble.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5 Gregory Burton, conductor. MacMillan Theatre. 8 p.m. Tickets \$13, students and seniors \$7

HART HOUSE Open Ears.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28 Concert series featuring new music; CCMC and Mazinani/Vorvis. Music Room. 8 p.m. Hart House Music Committee

PLAYS & READINGS

Paid on Both Sides: A Charade.

TUESDAY TO SATURDAY. JANUARY 25 TO JANUARY 29 By W.H. Auden; directed by Michael J. Sidnell. Graduate Centre for Study of Drama presentation. Robert Gill Theatre, Koffler Student Services Centre. Performances at 8 p.m. Tickets \$15, seniors \$10, students \$5. Sunday performance 2 p.m., pay what you can. Box office: 416-978-7986.

Cymbeline.

TUESDAY TO SATURDAY. January 25 to February 5 By William Shakespeare; directed by Kate Lynch; design by Astrid Janson and the UCDP design class. University College drama program presentation. Helen Gardiner Phelan Playhouse, 79A St. George St. Performances at 8 p.m. Tickets 12, students and seniors \$8.

Godspell.

THURSDAY TO SATURDAY. February 3 to February 5; and WEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9 TO FEBRUARY 12

Music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz; book by John Michael Tebelak; directed by Elenna Mosoff and Lindsay Notzl; produced by UC Follies Musical Company. Hart House Theatre. Performances at 8 p.m.; matinee Saturday Feb. 12, 2 p.m. Tickets \$15, students and seniors \$12.

U of T Bookstore Series.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 Alexander McCall Smith, a talk and reading. George Ignatieff Theatre, 15 Devonshire Place. 5 p.m. Tickets \$25, proceeds to Massey College's Scholar at Risk program and Writers at Woody Point; tickets available from the porter at Massey College in advance.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 The path to enlightenment: Robert Thurman brings his new book The Jewel Tree of Tibet: The Enlightenment Engine of Tibetan Buddhism. Library, Hart House. 7:30 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

JUSTINA M. BARNICKE ART GALLERY HART HOUSE Refigured: Alternative Treatments of the Body in **Contemporary Works From** the Hart House Permanent Collection.

To JANUARY 27

Works by Greg Crunoe, Robert Markle, Lynn Donoghue, Joanne Tod, John Brown and Cathy Daley, among others. Both Galleries

Tom Benner: Cruising the Margins.

February 3 to March 3 Installation of hand-crafted automobiles. Both galleries. Gallery hours: Monday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m.

JOHN W. GRAHAM LIBRARY TRINITY COLLEGE The Works of Richard Hooker and Others From the W. Speed Hill Collection.

To January 28 Major editions of Richard Hooker's Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity and other works as well as selected works by contemporaries and later British writers. Saunderson Rare Books Room, Hours: Monday to Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8:45 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 11:45 p.m.

DORIS McCARTHY GALLERY U OF TAT SCARBOROUGH Recent Works.

To March 6

ROBARTS LIBRARY Contemporary Novels Eastern Europe.

Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

MISCELLANY

The Department of Psychology invites friends, colleagues and students from the U of T community to attend a gathering commemorating the life of Professor Kenneth Dion. Music Room, Hart House. Noon.

As a River of Light.

Liturgical drama retells the Gospel of Luke in poetry and music; co-authored by John Foley, SJ, and Michael Dennis Browne. Elliott MacGuigan Hall, 67 St. Nicholas St. Regis College



DEADLINES

Please note that information for the Events listing must be received at The Bulletin offices, 21 King's College Circle, by the following times:

Issue of February 7 for events taking place Feb. 7 to 21: MONDAY, JANUARY 24.

Issue of February 21 for events taking place Feb. 21 to March 7: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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Memorial Service. SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

COMMITTEES

The Bulletin regularly publishes the terms of reference and membership of committees. The deadline for submissions is Monday, two weeks prior to publication.

REVIEW

ASIAN INSTITUTE

An external review committee has been established to review the Asian Institute (Asia Pacific/South Asian studies) Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. Members are: Professor Valentine Daniel, Department of Anthropology, Columbia University; Terry McGee, Institute of Asian Research, University of British Columbia; and Professor T.J. Pempel, director, Institute of East Asian Studies, University of California at

The committee would be pleased to receive comments from interested persons. These should be submitted Faculty of Arts & Science, Room 2005, Sidney Smith Hall.

SEARCH

A search committee has been established to recommend a chair of the Department of Geology. Members are Professors Pekka Sinervo (chair); Russell Pysklywec and Ed Spooner, geology; Miriam Diamond, geography; Nick Eyles, geology, U of T at Scarborough; Grant Ferris, associate dean, Division III, School of Graduate Studies; Jonathan Freedman, acting

vice-dean (graduate education and and Pierre Robin, geology, U of T at Mississauga; and James Brenan, geology; Claudio Cermignani, administrative staff, geology; Sara Hirschorn, graduate student, and Julia Taylor, undergraduate student, geology; and Vera Melnyk, Faculty of Arts & Science (secretary).

The committee would appreciate receiving nominations and comments from interested members of the university community. These should be submitted to Professor Pekka Sinervo, dean, Faculty of Arts & Science, Room 2005, Sidney

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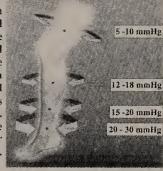
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Tuesday, February 8

"De amore heroico": The diseases of love in medieval medical thought

Wednesday, February 9

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4:30 p.m., Room 140, University College 15 King's College Circle, University of Toronto

Members of the staff, students and the public are cordially invited.

CRITICAL THINKING AND EMAGINATION

Humanities more than just an academic discipline

By Frank IACOBUCCI

The following address was given Jan. 14 by Frank lacobucci, interim president, at a humanities retreat organized by the provost's office and the Faculty of Arts & Science.

OR CENTURIES THE UNIVERSITY HAS PRESERVED AND RELATED THE GREAT IDEAS, THE WORDS and stories of the human family, and informed numerous generations of what it is to be human, and today this enduring institution continues to inspire us to know ourselves and our world.

The humanities still circumscribe much of what it means to be an educated person.

The recent tsunami disaster offers a few lessons on the current place of the humanities in our culture. Immediately after the disaster the press consulted the scientists to appreciate what a tsunami was and how it could be so destructive. But then we were left with the human questions and the difficult answers. All discourse quickly entered the realm of the humanities, the only terrain in our knowledge landscape that grapples with life and death questions and tries to extract reason from the seemingly irrational.

Many of you may remember when the first moon landing occurred in July of 1969, Walter Cronkite welcomed another commentator to the CBS telecast. This person was not a scientist but rather a historian and a man who at that time fancied himself as a public intellectual, Henry Steele Commager. While Commager had his critics both then and in subsequent years, CBS saw the need to place the moon landing in its human and historical context and Commager, as a historian, suited the bill.

I am sure each of you can reference similar examples of how society turns, almost instinctively, to the humanists among us when we seek to explain the often inexplicable. It is this very lack of the concrete that often besmirches the reputation of humanists among

some scientists and social scientists and, perhaps more significantly, the general public. In my own world of the law and judging, difficult questions on assisted suicide, genetic patenting and engineering, euthanasia, abortion and so on are greatly informed by the humanities. But what do we mean by the humanities?

In 1980, the Rockefeller Commission in the U.S. described the humanities in this way, Through the humanities we reflect on the fundamental question: What does it mean to be human? The humanities offer clues but never a complete answer. They reveal how people have tried to make moral, spiritual, and intellectual sense of a world in which irrationality, despair, loneliness, and death are as conspicuous as birth, friendship, hope, and reason."

Clearly, when we wish to explore the profound effects of changing technologies on societies and cultures, when we wish to adapt technologies to them or when we contemplate the whys and wherefores of the natural world, we are blending the arts and science and employing knowledge in a non-compartmentalized way. The humanities offer us pathways of critical and informed thought that challenge us to imagine a better world by harnessing knowledge, including scientific knowledge, for that purpose.

There have been many leading scientists who have commented on the integration of the arts and science in research. Harvard's Edward O. Wilson has cited the common, human origins of science and art and the intersection of intuition and metaphor that is all important to both the scientist and the artist. Another thoughtful scientist, the French physicist

Jean-Marc Lévy-Leblond, has spoken of his gratitude "to certain artists for helping me step back and achieve essential critical distance which techno-science requires today." He is a keen observer of the distinct cultures of the modern scientist and humanist. As he states, "An artist uses the first person singular, a scientist the first person plural. This vital difference conditions their ability to engage in dialogue. An artist speaks of his own position whilst a scientist has a lot of difficulty bringing his own subjectivity into play and always

speaks, in a certain way, on behalf of the group, under the watch of others and, again, taking far fewer risks. Which often means that, when they do meet, there is no real dialogue — a very interesting juxtaposition of words, but no real exchange.

It seems to me that bridging these differences of culture will become more important in the expanding knowledge age. The Russian quantum physicist Leonid Ponomarev states that "the creative aspect of all arts and sciences is the same." He notes that, "We could go on searching for and finding endless shades of distinction between art and science. The benefit of such an exercise is doubtful, for the two human endeavours only differ in their ways of gaining knowledge of the surrounding world and human nature. Ancient Greeks did not distinguish between the two notions and called them by a single word 'techne,' meaning 'skill,' 'art,' 'craft' and 'refinement' (hence 'technology'). And the first laws of physics established by Pythagoras were laws of $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ harmony.'

If there exists a gulf between the humanities and the rest of the academy on our campus, then we can take positive steps to bridge it through curriculum reform and innovative collaborative programs. It is a task worth undertaking since the educated person of the 21st century must have a familiarity not only with the liberal arts but also with the major developments of contemporary science

On one occasion I had the

pleasure of addressing graduates in arts and law at convocation. I said that law in some ways represented the "body" of society and that the arts represented its soul. No enlightened society can exist without a prominent place for the arts and law, among other factors. Our university's historic success owes much to the disciplines of the humanists and its

ability to succeed in the future will rely on maintaining their strength. We must continue to educate our students in the liberal tradition and not just train them. Our graduates must be adaptable to change and the new technologies, and the best way for them to achieve success in the future is to provide them with the intellectual tools and the broad exposure to the underlying foundations of our civilization that emanate from a rounded education. Having said this, I recognize as well that a certain proportion of our students need to explore and experience knowledge for its own worth. They need to be able to satisfy the host of questions about their life experience that occupy the inquiring mind. The outcomes of this approach may lead to better citizens and people with more flexible minds but a practical outcome need not be the sole aim of a humanities-centred education. Indeed that is why I have said that a degree in the humanities is not just a ticket to earn a living, it is a passport to learn how to live.

Modern universities will not forsake the central role of the humanities for science alone. Scientists can study the natural world but they cannot separate it from our human experience. For in Wordsworth's words, "I have learned to look on nature ... hearing, oftentimes the still, sad music of humanity."

